

1    **WHEREFORE, I CLAIM**

2           1. A laundry basket of the type having a bottom wall, a pair of opposed side  
3   walls and a pair of opposed end walls all extending upwardly from said bottom wall,  
4   wherein said basket includes at least one receptacle formed into at least one of said  
5   side walls for receiving and retaining a laundry product tube adapted to store a  
6   laundry product.

1           2. The laundry basket of claim 1, wherein said basket includes a pair of  
2 receptacles on said opposed side walls adapted to receive and retain at least one of  
3 said laundry product tubes.

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5           3. The laundry basket of claim 1, wherein said basket includes at least one  
6 handle formed into at least one of said end walls.

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8           4. The laundry basket of claim 3, wherein said at least one handle has a  
9 center aperture for receiving and retaining a coin tube adapted to store coins for use  
10 in a washing machine or drier.

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12           5. The laundry basket of claim 3, wherein said at least one handle has a  
13 center aperture for receiving and retaining at least one of said laundry product  
14 tubes.

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16           6. The laundry basket of claim 4, where said basket includes a pair of  
17 handles on said opposed end walls adapted to receive and retain at least one of said  
18 coin tubes.

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20           7. The laundry basket of claim 1, wherein said laundry product tube is a  
21 clear plastic tube that is closed at one end and open at its opposite end, said tube

1 include threads adjacent said open end adapted to threadably engage a cap to seal  
2 said product tube.

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4 8. The laundry basket of claim 7, wherein said cap includes a stop ring for  
5 limiting the extent to which said tube can be inserted into said receptacle.

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7 9. A laundry basket of the type having a bottom wall, a pair of opposed side  
8 walls and a pair of opposed end walls all extending upwardly from said bottom wall,  
9 wherein said basket includes at least one receptacle formed into at least one of said  
10 side walls for receiving and retaining a laundry product tube adapted to store a  
11 laundry product and at least one handle formed into at least one of said end walls,  
12 said handle including a center aperture for receiving and retaining a coin tube  
13 adapted to store coins for use in a washing machine or drier.

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15 10. A molded plastic laundry basket of the type having a bottom wall, a pair  
16 of opposed side walls and a pair of opposed end walls all extending upwardly from  
17 said bottom wall, wherein said basket includes:

18 a pair of receptacles each of which are formed into the top of a side wall for  
19 receiving and retaining a laundry product tube adapted to store a laundry product  
20 therein; and

21 a pair of handles each of which are formed into the top of an end wall, said

1 handle including a center aperture for receiving and retaining a coin tube adapted  
2 to store coins therein for use in a washing machine or drier.

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4 11. The laundry basket of claim 8, wherein said laundry products are  
5 selected from the group consisting of soap, bleach and fabric softeners.

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7 12. A molded plastic laundry basket of the type having a bottom wall, a pair  
8 of opposed side walls and a pair of opposed end walls all extending upwardly from  
9 said bottom wall, wherein said basket includes a pair of handles that are formed  
10 into the top of said end walls, each handle including at least one center aperture for  
11 receiving and retaining a laundry product tube adapted to store a laundry product  
12 therein.